

GEORGIA

1. International Education Meetings – The Georgia Department of Education supports international education and seeks to support, facilitate and coordinate cooperation between interested organizations. As part of this effort, meetings are scheduled in the fall, winter, and spring of each year to bring the major stakeholders in international education together with representatives from school districts and various government and non-profit agencies.

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2. Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports of the Embassy of Spain – The Memorandum of Understanding between the Georgia Department of Education and the Embassy of Spain was signed on May 29, 1997. A consultant from the Embassy began working at the Georgia Department of Education in September of that same year. The consultant works with the program specialist for foreign languages and international education to provide leadership and administrative oversight for the joint programs sponsored under this agreement. This partnership provides the following educational opportunities:

- Visiting Teacher from Spain Program/Exchange Visitor Program
- Summer Seminars in Spain for Teachers and Administrators
- Masters Degree in Spanish Language and Culture at the University of Salamanca
- Student Exchange Program
- Teacher Exchange Program

For additional information, see <http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/sla/curriculum/resources/forlangspain.html>.

3. Cooperation with the French Consulate of Atlanta, the Goethe-Institut of Atlanta, and the Laurasian Institute – The Georgia Department of Education has a long-standing relationship with both the French Consulate of Atlanta and the Goethe-Institut of Atlanta. The Department works with both organizations to sponsor events promoting the study of French and German and to plan teacher workshops and cultural programs. The Department also publicizes educational and cultural events sponsored by the French Consulate and the Goethe-Institut among students and teachers of French and German. The Georgia Department of Education and the Laurasian Institute have recently initiated a cooperative relationship to promote the study of the Japanese language and culture in the state of Georgia.

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4. Cooperative Agreement with Kagoshima, Japan – Under this agreement, the Prefecture of Education of Kagoshima provides one elementary Japanese language teacher to teach in the state of Georgia, and the state regularly hosts a group of Japanese school children.

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5. Teacher Exchange with Saxony, Germany – This teacher exchange program, which has been in place since 1994, provides teachers from Georgia and Saxony the opportunity to spend two-three weeks getting to know each other's culture and school system.

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6. German American Partnership Program (GAPP) Exchanges – A number of Georgia high schools have a regular GAPP Exchange with a partner school in Germany. Such exchanges normally take place every

other year. A group of students and teachers from the German school spend three to four weeks visiting Georgia, and the Georgia school visits the German school for the same time period, providing students with an unique opportunity to experience the German culture and develop their language skills. Some Georgia GAPP exchanges have been in place for 17 or more years. The Georgia Department of Education encourages high school teachers of German to consider establishing such exchanges.

For more information, consult the GAPP website at: <http://www.goethe.de/uk/ney/gapp/index.htm>.

0. Summer Workshops for Teachers of Foreign Languages – The Georgia Department of Education regularly sponsors an array of summer staff development workshops in partnership with the Center for the Advancement and Study of International Education (CASIE), as well as the French Consulate of Atlanta, the Goethe-Institut Atlanta, and the Embassy of Spain.

For information on the courses planned for the summer of 2003, visit the CASIE web site: <http://www.casieonline.org>.

0. Joint Research Project on the Strategic Need for International Education in Georgia – A joint project of the Georgia Department of Education, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism, this research project will examine enrollment trends as well as the latest data regarding foreign investment in the state and Georgia's export markets. The final report is due to be released November 18, 2002.

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0. Cooperation with Georgia Public Broadcasting – The Georgia Department of Education works closely with Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB) to publicize and promote the use of GPB's extensive educational materials for learning Japanese and Spanish.

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